

Lynnwood receives \$70,000 from county for Lynndale Park improvements



Lynnwood has been awarded \$70,000 from Snohomish County funds for the renovation of the Lynndale Park Amphitheater and ADA upgrades at Lynndale Park.

The county's 2013 REET II bond funding package provided the funds to improve Lynndale Park and eight other county parks. Edmonds, Mountlake Terrace and Mukilteo also received funds.

The condition of the amphitheater, which was built in 1969, has eroded due to usage by the public. The project will increase the seating capacity of the amphitheater and eliminate the safety hazard of overflow seating on the steep dirt slopes.

Other features of the project include an ADA-accessible entrance and entry access lighting. Environmental impacts that have occurred at the amphitheater also will be addressed. Heavy use has caused erosion of the slopes, destroying vegetation and exposing tree roots. The project will repair the damage.

The city of Lynnwood will be required to provide matching funds totaling \$70,000. This project is included in the city of Lynnwood Capital Facilities Plan and Comprehensive Plan and has received support from the Parks and Recreation Board, Arts Commission, Diversity Commission and the Parks and Recreation Foundation.

"It's important that children in Snohomish County have a safe place to play," said Snohomish County Executive John Lovick. "New playground equipment, trails, benches and lighting make parks inviting to children and provide great opportunities for adults to enjoy the natural beauty we have here in Snohomish County."

Executive Lovick, county councilmembers and county parks staff will present ceremonial checks to city representatives through November.